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THE LOST CHILD.  
A TRAGIC STORY.  
From the French of Madame de la Fayette.  
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In the country of Ulster, in the neighbor-  
hood of Downpatrick, lived a man, whose  
name was Le Pevre; he was the grandson  
of a Frenchman, who was obliged to fly to  
his country at the revocation of the edict of  
Nantes. He might well have been called  
the Count of Montpelier, for he possessed a  
plantation on the very verge of the valley  
between the Blue Mountains, a place of  
great beauty and fertility.

His name being a family of eleven chil-  
dren, he thought he was somewhat uncom-  
mon in this country, was greatly alarmed on  
seeing a monster that resembled a  
child, and was very much surprised to find  
it was a boy, and an old negro kept there  
by his father.

At some as daylight appeared, they re-  
sumed their search but as unsuccessfully as  
the preceding day. Fortunately an Indian  
came with news, coming from an adjacent  
village, called at the house of Le Pevre, in-  
forming him that he had found the child.  
He was much surprised to find no  
one at home but an old negro kept there  
by his father.

The boy was found; and as soon as the  
father returned, the Indian asked him for  
the slave and stockings that Derrick had  
worn last. He then ordered his dog, which  
he brought with him, to smell of them; and  
then taking the horse for his centre, he de-  
scribed a circle of a quarter of a mile in  
diameter; ordering the dog to smell the  
earth wherever he led him. The circle  
was now completed when the sagacious  
animal began to bark. The sound brought  
some feeble ray of hope to the disconsolate  
parents. The dog followed the scent, and  
barked again; the party pursued him with  
all their speed, but soon lost sight of him in  
the woods. Half an hour afterwards they  
heard him again, and saw him return. The  
countenance of the poor dog was visibly  
altered, an air of joy seemed to animate  
him, and his gestures seemed to indicate  
that his search had not been in vain.

"I am sure he has found the child!" ex-  
claimed the Indian. But whether dead or  
alive, was at present the cruel state of  
suspense. The Indian then followed him to  
the foot of a large tree where lay the child,  
in an unbreathed state, nearly approaching  
death.

He took it tenderly in his arms, and ha-  
stily carried it to the disconsolate parents.  
Rapidly they were both in some measure  
prepared to receive the child. Their joy  
was so great that it was more than a quar-  
ter of an hour before they could express  
their gratitude to the kind restorer of their  
child. Words cannot express the affecting  
scene. After they had bathed the face of  
the child in tears, they threw themselves

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